

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

December 5, 2018

The Calumet County Protection of Persons and Property (PPP) Committee meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pete Stier on December 5, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Supervisors Peter Stier, Alice Connors, James Stecker and Joe Mueller

Staff Present: Sheriff Mark Ott, Lt. Mark Wiegert, Emergency Management Coordinator Bernie Sorenson, Clerk of Courts Connie Daun, County Administrator Todd Romenesko, County Clerk Beth Hauser, Corporation Counsel Kimberly Tenerelli, Chief Deputy Medical Examiner Regina Behnke

Others Present: Marilyn Schuh and Janet Murphy

A motion was made by Stecker, seconded by Connors, to approve the Agenda for the December 5, 2018 meeting and the Minutes of the November 7, 2018 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Participation: None

Report of Committee Members: Alice Connors introduced Marilyn Schuh, who will be appointed to the County Board to take the place of Heather Gibler, who resigned her position.

Communications: None

Items for Action or Discussion:

A. Clerk of Courts

- 1) Resolution in Support of Increased Public Defender Access and Pay. Clerk of Courts Daun presented the Resolution in Support of Increased Public Defender Access and Pay. Daun explained that public defender rates are still at \$40.00 vs. court appointed attorneys whose rates are \$70.00 per hour and will be increasing to \$100.00 per hour. Daun informed the committee that when the Officer of the Public Defender cannot find representation due to the lack of available counsel as a result of the low compensation rate, it falls on the courts to appoint counsel and the expenses fall back on the county. After some discussion, Connors made a motion to support the resolution for increased public defender access and pay, seconded by Stecker. Motion carried unanimously. The resolution will be forwarded to the County Board.

B. Sheriff's Department

- 1) Review and Recommend to the County Board the Approval Process for the Jail Building Project. County Administrator Romenesko presented a draft copy of Decision Making Points for the Calumet County Jail Expansion Building Project, which laid out the design development and construction management phases of the building project and identified those involved in the approval process at the various phases of the project. After some discussion, Connors made a motion to send the Calumet County Jail Expansion Building Project Decision Making Points to the County Board for approval, seconded by Stecker. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2) Review and Recommend Not to Exceed Square Footage of the Jail Building Project. The square footage of the jail building project was reviewed, which was 74,954 square feet for the sheriff department/jail main level, and 4,942 square feet for the pod mezzanine, for a total of 79,896 square feet. In addition, Romenesko suggested adding the courthouse remodel, which includes the court security piece of 2,140 square feet and 3,975 square feet of basement, bringing the total of building project and remodel to 86,011 square feet. Mueller made a motion not to exceed the square footage of the jail building project, seconded by Stecker. Motion carried unanimously.

Report of Departments:

Sheriff: Sheriff Ott indicated patrol was busy with crashes related to car/deer and the weather. Ott noted the dispatch center was working short-handed. Ott stated Matthew Eberhardt was rehired as a deputy for Calumet County and the department is currently in the process of hiring additional deputies. Ott also mentioned he, along with Chief Deputy Bowe, recently took several correctional officers to tour the Green Lake County Jail.

Lieutenant (Jail/Investigations): Lt. Wiegert indicated the investigators are busy with sexual assault cases and doing background investigations on new employees.

Lt. Wiegert stated the jail inmate population is currently at 57.

Lt. Wiegert thanked the committee for working with him as jail administrator and stated he was looking forward to working with the committee as sheriff.

Emergency Management Coordinator:

- 1) Update on Mass Communication Vendors/Systems. Emergency Management Coordinator Sorenson gave an update in his search for a mass communication system, as the current system is not being utilized and is being phased out. Sorenson stated he has listened to five vendors' presentations, those being Nixle, AlertSense, Rave Alert, Code Red, and HyperReach. Sorenson noted the cost of the systems range from \$7,050/year to \$15,000/year and several of

the systems offer unlimited use rather than a set number of minutes. Sorenson will be making his decision shortly.

- 2) Introduction of FirstNet. Sorenson presented information on FirstNet, a first responder communications network that works in conjunction with AT&T. Sorenson was advised because of this, FirstNet would not be a viable option for our county, as the county has no accessibility with AT&T.
- 3) Discussion on Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Process and Grant Application. Sorenson explained the need to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan, which will be a \$20,000.00 process but the county should be able to obtain some grant money to offset the cost. Sorenson stated this could be a year to one and one-half year process.
- 4) Discussion on the Need/Want/Use for the Creation of a Countywide Weather Spotter Map. Sorenson discussed meeting with the ham radio group and identifying areas for spotting storms. Sorenson would like to reach out to the local fire departments and trained weather spotters.

Medical Examiner: Chief Deputy Medical Examiner Regina Behnke stated Karen Propson and Doug Schoen have been appointed as deputy medical examiners, bringing the count of medical examiners for the county to five. Behnke noted the Fond du Lac County Medical Examiner's Office is up and running again with the appointment of Dr. Adam Covach to that office.

Connors personally thanked Sheriff Ott for working with the committee these past years and wished Lt. Wiegert success in his reign as sheriff. Sheriff Ott thanked the committee also.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 2, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. or as needed.

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by Mueller, to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Unapproved minutes.

Calumet Co. Sheriff's Dept.
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